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1. READING FROM NOTES TAKEN DURING ADAMASHIN'S MARCH 22-24
DISCUSSIONS IN THE HAGUE, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CSCE EXPERT
BIEGMAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT POINT ABOUT NOTIFICATION OF MOVEMENTS
INITIATED BY RUSSIAN. ALTHOUGH HEAVILY QUALIFIED, DUTCH
THOUGHT IT WORTH PASSING TO US.

2. DURING CONVERSATION ABOUT CBMS AND IN CONTEXT OF MAKING
POINT THAT THRESHOLD ON MANEUVER NOTIFICATION COULD NOT BE
LOWERED, ADAMASHIN SAID SOVIETS WOULD BE PREPARED START
DISCUSSIONS ABOUT MOVEMENTS, BUT NOT NOW. SOVIETS COULD
IN FUTURE TALK ABOUT A STUDY OF MOVEMENT NOTIFICATIONS, BUT
TIME WAS NOT YET RIPE, HE SAID. REFERRING TO SECTION OF
FINAL ACT ON PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MOVEMENTS,
ADAMASHIN COMMENTED THAT EXPERIENCE GAINED THUS FAR ON
NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS WAS NOT GREAT ENOUGH TO PROCEED NOW
TO INCLUDE MOVEMENTS AS WELL.

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3. INFO IN PARA TWO OF REFTEL IS INCORRECT. ADAMASHIN DID
NOT RPT NOT COMMENT ON HIS FUTURE. GON AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD BY
FINNISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR ILONIEMI AT END OF MARCH THAT HE HAD
IMPRESSION ADAMASHIN WAS TO REPLACE MENDELEVICH. BIEGMAN
SAID ADAMASHIN WAS IMPRESSIVE DURING HIS VISIT. HE KNEW
HIS SUBJECT BUT WAS NOT DOGMATIC IN DISCUSSIONS. HE APPRECIATES
A JOKE. BIO DATA IN PARA THREE OF REFTEL FITS WITH WHAT DUTCH

KNOW ABOUT HIM.

4. COMMENT: BIEGMAN HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN QUESTION OF MOVEMENT NOTIFICATIONS FOR SOME TIME. WHILE HE IS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN RESURRECTING DISCUSSIONS OF MILITARY MOVEMENT NOTIFICATIONS, BIEGMAN IS TOO PROFESSIONAL TO ALLOW HIS OWN PREFERENCES TO COLOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS OR HIS REPORTING OF CONVERSATIONS. HIS OWN INTEREST IN SUBJECT MAY, HOWEVER, HAVE CAUSED HIM TO REPORT WHAT SEEMS TO US AT LEAST TO BE RESTATEMENT OF STANDARD SOVIET POSITION.
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